

# NEWSLETTER

## What is the AKPA?

AKPA stands for Aintree Kidney Patients Association and is the brainchild of Dr Bhavna K Pandya, Consultant Nephrologist at University Hospital Aintree. It is to be run by patients (and their carers) and is intended to provide support for kidney patients (and their carers) under the care of Consultant Nephrologists at the University Hospital Aintree.

## AKPA AGM

From February 2006 onwards, there has been monthly consultation meetings with patients and their carers to set up AKPA. Along with Dr Pandya, Dennis Crane (North Regional Advocacy Officer NKF), Bill Edwards and his wife (from Mersey Kidney Patient Group), Pam Carr and Anne Hardiker (Southport Kidney Fund), attended and supported these monthly meetings.

The inaugural AGM for the Aintree Kidney Patients Association (AKPA) took place on Sunday 23 July 2006 at University Hospital Aintree. The election of the committee took place and the following positions were filled.

Chairperson: Alex Rowlands  
 Secretary: Michael Molyneux  
 Treasurer: June Graham  
 Honorary President: Dr B Pandya

Other committee members involved with AKPA activities are

Mr and Mrs Frankland  
 Mrs Fisher  
 Mr and Mrs Bentley

The AKPA is indebted to all those who supported in setting up AKPA. Special reference to Dennis Crane for his support and advice, and his continued involvement in helping the association to get registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

Also thanks go to Lyndsey Burke (Dr Pandya's secretary) whose contribution is invaluable in organising these meetings. AKPA is grateful for her genuine support and hard work.

## Funds

The AKPA is grateful for all contributions so far. Voluntary refreshments have been provided by Alex Rowlands. Funds consist of £500 donation from the North West Region Kidney Patients Association, £700 donation in memory of patient John Fisher (deceased) and £1400 from a sponsored walk by two nurses (Jo Minogue and Lisa Vaughan) from the Fresenius Dialysis unit at Aintree Hospital. Many thanks to all involved, especially Mrs Fisher's support and dedication for the walk.

## Future Dates For Diary

Next meetings at Olivia Thomas Suite University Hospital Aintree.

### **Sunday 22 October 3pm**

Sunday 19 November 3pm

A **Christmas party** for all kidney patients and carers/families will be held in the Olivia Thomas Suite at **3pm on Sunday 17 December**. Hot food catering can be provided but we need to know numbers in advance. If you would like to go could you please let one of the committee members or Dr Pandya know so the catering can be organised. Further information will be available in the next newsletter.

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Useful support website for kidney related matters: [www.kidney.org.uk](http://www.kidney.org.uk)

**-Michael Molyneux**